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SUBJECT: CHILE DEBT RESCHEDULING

REF: STATE 45567, STATE 47776

1. ECON/COM MIN SAW FCO MINISTER OF STATE DAVID ENNALS
THIS MORNING, REVIEWED ARGUMENTS REFTELS AGAINST UK
DECISION NOT TO ATTEND THE PARIS CLUB TO RESCHEDULE
CHILE'S DEBTS AND ADVISED THAT USG APPROACHING OTHER
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PARIS CLUB MEMBERS ON THIS SUBJECT.

2. ENNALS RESPONDED THAT HE WOULD INFORM SECRETARY OF STATE CALLAGHAN PROMPTLY OF OUR APPROACH AND THAT HE "WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED" IF THE MATTER IS DISCUSSED IN CARDIFF THIS AFTERNOON. ENNALS SAID THE BRITISH DECISION NOT TO ATTEND THE PARIS MEETING WAS INDEED POLITICAL AND WAS BASED ON VERY STRONG FEELING IN THE PARLIAMENTARY LABOUR PARTY RELATING TO THE PRESENT REGIME IN CHILE. HE SAID, IN RESPONSE TO OUR ARGUMENTS, IT MAY BE TRUE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE WILL REACT NEGATIVELY TO REFUSAL OF BRITAIN AND OTHERS TO ATTEND AND PURSUE A GO IT ALONE POLICY, BUT THE BRITISH JUDGEMENT IS THAT THEIR ACTION IS MORE LIKELY THAN ATTENDANCE OF MEETING TO PRODUCE A FAVORABLE RESULT IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS AREA. HE SAID BRITISH GOVERNMENT UNDERSTANDS OUR ARGUMENTS, BUT CONSIDERS PRESENT CASE AN EXCEPTION TO USUAL RULE ON CREDITOR CLUBS.

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